(c) how much recovery has been made so far from him in this behalf after his relinquishing the charge as Minister of State of Power?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above; and

(c) The Corporation would take necessary action to recover dues, if any, for use of staff car for any private use as per the rules.

Setting up of Gas Based Power Plant in Tripura

1229. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a gas-based power plant in Tripura;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) There are two proposals; (i) to set up Rokhia Gas-based Power Project, Stage-II (10x8 MW) and (ii) Tripura Gas-based Power Project (500 MW) of the National Thermal Power Corporation, in Tripura. While the Feasibility Report for Tripura Gas Based Power Project by NTPC (500 MW) is likely to be available by July, 1990; the other proposal regarding Rokhia could be considered for techno-economic clearance by CEA after all the inputs & clearances are tied up.

Proposal to replace present air fare structure

1230. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the present air fare structure by long run marginal cost based pricing as recommended by Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar, Chairman of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Report of the Committee set up by the Planning Commission, under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. L. Kelkar has been received recently and is under examination.

Missing Mazdoor of DESU

1231. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Shri Ram Kumar, a regular Mazdoor (Khalasi) of DESU is missing under mysterious circumstances after the 15 day tour to Bombay with his 21 colleagues; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government have taken to trace him?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, a party of DESU employees including Shri Ram Kumar, Mazdoor went on official tour to Bombay in February, 1990 under the Workers' Education Programme. Shri Ram Kumar is reported to have gone out of his place of stay at 4.30 PM on 16-2-1990 but did

not return. All efforts were made by the accompanying officials to trace Shri Ram Kumar and an F.I.R. was also lodged with the Matunga Police Station, Bombay. The General Manager, DESU has also written to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay and the Secretary (Home), Government of Maharashtra for taking special efforts to trace out the missing official. The Bombay Police has not been able to trace Shri Ram Kumar so far inspite of publishing his photographs in the local newspapers and flashing the same on Bombay Doordarshan.

Closure of Cement Plants in South for want of coal

1232. DR. BAPU KALDATE'

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cement plants in the South have been closed down fully or partially, for want of coal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the extent of loss of production; and

(c) what steps have been initiated by Government to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Out of 35 major cement plants in the Southern region seven cement plants producing 14703 tonnes of cement per day on an average have closed down and ten others have low coal stocks, as on 15-5-1990, mainly on account of shortfall in production from Singareni Collieries Company Limited which has about 54% of the linkage for these plants. Due to critical coal stock position of some of the power stations and disruption of railcommunication from Talcher to Vijaywada because of the recent cyclone coal supply to power stations in the South from Western Coalfields Limited is being given priority at present.

(c) The following steps are aimed at improving the situation:

(i) Coal is being allotted to some of the Cement plants in Tamil Nadu from Bengal-Bihar coalfields for movement by rail-cum-sea route.

(ii) Every effort is being made to increase movement of coal to Southern consumers from the Wardha Valley Coalfield of Western Coalfields Ltd. This will help cement plants after the crisis caused by the Andhra Pradesh cyclone is over.

(iii) Cement plants nearer to the coalfields are given some road releases.

HAL Airport in Bangalore City

1233. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the licence for HAL airport in Bangalore City was given by D.G.C.A; in September, 1960 and was valid only upto July, 1961;

(b) whether the D.G.C.A renewed the licence from 1961 onwards after examining the safety aspect; and

(c) if not, what action Government have been taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Cash subsidy scheme for small scale industries in backward areas

1234. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to re-introduce the scheme of cash subsidy for investment in backward areas for the small scale industries;